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RE: UNITED STATES v. DAVID LEWANDOWSKI

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced today that David Lewandowski, age 42, of Buffalo, New York, pled guilty before the Honorable William M. Skretny, United States District Judge, to a Supervised Release violation charging him with possession of child pornography, in violation of the conditions of his five-year term of Supervised Release imposed following a 1997 federal conviction for aggravated sexual abuse of a child. Lewandowski faces a five year term of imprisonment for the violation.

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter also announced today that Lewandowski pled guilty to a one-Count Information charging him with possession of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B). At sentencing, in addition to the five year term for the Supervised Release violation, Lewandowski faces a minimum mandatory sentence of ten (10) years imprisonment and a maximum penalty of twenty (20) years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Allison P. Gioia, who is handling the case, stated that Lewandowski was convicted of aggravated sexual abuse of a child in 1997 and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 97 months and a 5 year term of Supervised Release. Lewandowski was released from prison in or about July 2004. On June 30, 2005, nearly one year after being released from prison, Lewandowski admitted to federal agents that he had possessed child pornography on his home computer.

Both guilty pleas were the result of an investigation led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn and the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office under the direction of Chief U.S. Probation Officer Joseph A. Giacobbe.

Sentencing is scheduled for April 28, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable William M. Skretny.